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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO:

Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

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FROM:

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DATE:

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SUBJECT: Status of County 60-inch By-pass Force Main Construction

The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to provide you with information on the progress of the construction of the Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department (WASD) 60-inch emergency by-pass force main in the South Pointe Neighborhood.

Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department (WASD) is installing a 60-inch diameter force main from a shaft that is being built in South Pointe Park, going north on Washington Avenue and west on Commerce Street to an existing force main on Alton Road (Attachment A).

At present, Washington Avenue is closed to southbound traffic south of 1st Street and the western half of Commerce Street is closed to all traffic. Eastbound and westbound traffic on South Pointe Drive is detouring around Washington Avenue using 1st Street (Attachment B). Residents and staff of the Apogee have been provided with a temporary alternate access onto Washington Avenue while the force main is installed in front of their driveway.

Commerce Street will be partially opened to traffic by November 30th and fully re-opened by December 7th. The WASD contractor and FPL are repairing utilities and conduits in the intersection of South Pointe Drive and Washington Avenue. It is anticipated that the intersection will be re-opened to traffic by December 14th; however, the City is working with the County to accelerate this re-opening. The portion of the project now impacting City streets (Phase 3 on Attachment A) is scheduled to be substantially complete by the end of the year.

A second WASD contractor is now working within South Pointe Park. The schedule associated with this phase of the work calls for the construction of the 75-foot deep shaft to be completed by the end of April 2013. This contractor will then install the 60-inch force main from the shaft in South Pointe Park to the new force main on Washington Avenue (Phase 2 on Attachment A) with completion scheduled for the end of July 2013. Upon completion of the force main on Washington Avenue, the same contractor will then connect the new 60-inch force main to the existing force main on Alton Road (Phase 4 on Attachment A) with work scheduled to begin in May 2013 and to be complete in August 2013.

Attachments:

A. WASD Construction Phasing

B. Present Maintenance Of Traffic Plan

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